

General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5915

January Session, 2009

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## AN ACT CONCERNING "STUCK KIDS".

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2009) On or before February 1, 2 2010, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Children and 3 Families shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of 4 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of 5 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human 6 services and the select committee of the General Assembly having 7 cognizance of matters relating to children. The report shall include the 8 following information, for the preceding calendar year, for children 9 and youth in the custody of the Department of Children and Families: 10 (1) The number and age of such children and youth who are living in a 11 psychiatric hospital or out-of-state residential treatment center, the 12 average length of stay for such children and youth, the number of 13 children and youth who have overstayed their estimated placement 14 time in such placements and an analysis of the reasons for the 15 placements out of state and overstays; (2) the number and age of such 16 children and youth who are runaways or homeless, the number of 17 days that each child or youth has been a runaway or homeless, and an 18 analysis of the trends relating to runaways and homelessness; (3) the 19 number and age of children and youth who have a permanency plan 20 of another planned permanency living arrangement and an analysis of 21 the trends relating to permanency plans; and (4) the number and age of 22 children and youth who have refused services offered by the

- 23 department and an analysis of the trends relating to participation in
- 24 services. The commissioner shall conduct case and service reviews for
- 25 each child in the groups described in subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive,

of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	New section

## Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1(3), the word "or" was changed to "of" for accuracy.

**KID** Joint Favorable Subst. C/R

**HS** Joint Favorable Subst.